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New Traffic Signal at 33rd Street and Central Avenue

As part of the Safe Routes to School project, the new traffic signal at the intersection of 33rd Street and Central Avenue promotes a traffic-calmed environment and enhances safety for walking and bicycling to school. To signalize the intersection, four new access ramps were installed and a tree was removed for the installation of this new traffic signal, and to increase safety for pedestrians. With the collaboration of Council District 9 and LADOT, the intersection was activated on May 16, 2017.

Free Rides for Cyclists

Tomorrow, May 18th, is "Bike to Work Day." To encourage this fun and healthy method of commuting, LADOT Transit Services will again offer free rides to bicyclists who use DASH and Commuter Express bus services on that day. Any rider who either brings a bicycle or wears a bicycle helmet will be given a free ride on DASH or Commuter Express buses.

For those Commuter Express riders who bring a bicycle, all Commuter Express buses are outfitted with bike racks on the front of the bus. Each rack accommodates three bikes, so riders bringing their bikes will be accommodated on a first-come, first-serve basis. For DASH riders, DASH buses have two position bike racks on the front of the bus. However, any rider who boards any DASH bus wearing a bicycle helmet or carrying a folding bike will get a free ride.

Metro will also offer free rides to bicyclists who board with a bike or helmet on Metro buses and trains the same day, Thursday, May 18th.

SRTS Plans for the Top 50 Schools

Safe Routes To School (SRTS) kicked-off of the SRTS Plans for the Top 50 Schools project with an inaugural Walking Safety Assessment on May 11.

Over 40 Esperanza Elementary School community members, 6 LAUSD staff, school police, and LADOT crossing guards participated in a walk audit and mapping workshop. Enthusiastic and

engaged stakeholders shared input to inform street improvements, safety education and enforcement activities. SRTS will be drafted: 13 plans for each school semester through 2019, and SRTS will return to share draft plans with school communities.

For more information visit the SRTS [website](#).

LADOT Improves Customer Service

In order to provide excellent customer service, and make LADOT a great place to work, several hundred staff voluntarily enrolled in Business Writing classes. The focus is on memorandum and letter writing skills in order to better communicate with our many stakeholders. Pictured below is our inaugural class.

LADOT Service Recognition

Dozens of Administration and Field Services staff received longevity recognition pins and certificates for serving 25, 30, 35, 40 and 45 years with the City of Los Angeles. General Manager Seleta Reynolds, Chief of Staff Bridget Smith and Assistant General Manager Monique Earl presented.

In addition, Transportation Commissioners honored those with 30 or more years of service at City Hall last week.

LADOT Video: S. Pasadena to Silverlake Bike Ride

Bike to Work Day is tomorrow. Check out this 'birds eye' view video of a cyclist's enjoying their commute on a great bike ride in Los Angeles.

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